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SUBJECT: ITALIAN AMBASSADOR RECEIVES KIDNAPPING THREATS

1. APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS AGO SECURITY AT ITALIAN EMBASSY WAS NOTICEABLY BEEFED UP WITH PRESENCE APPROXIMATELY SIX LIBERIAN UNIFORMED ARMED RIOT SQUAD POLICEMEN. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR IN CASUAL CONVERSATIONS DID NOT RESPOND WHEN ASKED WHAT WAS PROBLEM.

2. WE HAVE NOW LEARNED ON SECONDHAND BASIS FOLLOWING STORY WHICH WE REPORT FOR WHAT IT MAY BE WORTH. ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT, ITALIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS RECEIVED INTELLIGENCE THERE LIKELIHOOD OF KIDNAPPING OF ITALIAN AMBASSADOR OVERSEAS. NIGERIA, GHANA AND LIBERIA WERE ONLY POSTS OUR SOURCE REMEMBERED. GOI NOTIFIED THEIR AMBASSADORS, WHO REQUESTED POLICE PROTECTION. SHORTLY (PERHAPS ONE DAY) AFTER RECEIPT OF THIS COMMUNICATION OUR SOURCE TELLS US ANONYMOUS NOTE WAS RECEIVED AT ITALIAN EMBASSY HERE STATING AMBASSADOR WAS TO BE KIDNAPPED.

3. IN LAST FEW DAYS SECURITY PRECAUTIONS AT EMBASSY SEEM TO HAVE EASED OFF AND WE ASSUME ITALIANS HAVE DECIDED THREAT, IF ANY, WAS HOAX.

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